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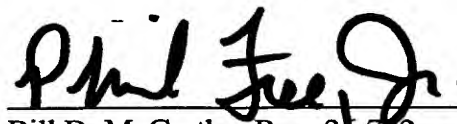
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2. PCT fee Calculation Sheet, Annex to the Demand for International Preliminary Examination by IPEA/US.
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